

## **Websites for Business Assistance And Business Funding**

Need assistance in starting or growing your business? We've identified some great sites that can help you with subject such as:

Guidance in Business Plan Writing, Financial Analysis, Loan Package Preparation, Market Research, Marketing Plan Development, Strategic Planning, Business Workshops, Procurement Assistance, Certifications for Women or Minority Owned Businesses, and Referrals to Private Sector Service Providers.

We also have information on funding sources, such as:

Micro Loan Funds, Pre-Seed Funds, Angel Investors, and Venture Capital.

### **Business Assistance:**

#### **U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)**

<http://www.sba.gov/>

Michigan District Office: <http://www.sba.gov/about-offices-content/2/3121>

#### **Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Pure Michigan Business Connect (Portal)**

<http://www.michiganadvantage.org/Business-Connect/>

#### **Michigan's Small Business & Technology Development Centers (SBTDC)**

<http://www.misbtdc.org/>

Funded in part by the Small Business Administration, Michigan Economic Development Corporation and 10 Regional Hosts

### **Women-Owned Business Assistance:**

#### **Center for Empowerment and Economic Development (CEED)**

<http://www.miceed.org/>

The Center for Empowerment and Economic Development (CEED) provides entrepreneurs and business owners with the technical, financial and professional enrichment support services necessary for business success. CEED offers classes and seminars for entrepreneurs as well as networking opportunities to grow their business.

#### **Grand Rapids Opportunities for Women (GROW)**

<https://www.growbusiness.org/Default.aspx>

GROW offers long-term training and counseling and also provides training in economic self-sufficiency and asset building through its Individual Development Account program. GROW is also actively involved in providing training for home-based day-care providers in business management and setting up financial management systems.

#### **Women's Business Center at Cornerstone Alliance**

<http://www.cornerstonewbc.com/home.taf>

The Women's Business Center at Cornerstone Alliance is a program and not a place. The WBC provides assistance and/or training in finance, management, marketing, procurement, and the

Internet as well as addressing specialized topics such as home-based businesses. WBC provides individual business consulting and access to Small Business Administration (SBA) programs and services.

**Office of Women's Business Ownership (administered by SBA)**

<http://www.sba.gov/about-offices-content/1/2895>

**Resources for Minorities**

**8(a) Business Development and Small Disadvantaged Business Certification Program**

<http://www.sba.gov/content/8a-business-development>

While the 8(a) program offers a broad scope of assistance to socially and economically disadvantaged firms, SDB certification strictly pertains to benefits in federal procurement. Companies that are 8(a) firms automatically qualify for SDB certification.

**Michigan Minority Supplier Development Council (MMSDC)**

<http://www.mmbdc.com/>

MMSDC is a privately funded, non-profit, small business development organization that works to enhance business opportunities and educational development.

**Funding Sources**

Michigan Economic Development Corporation Capital Access Program (CAP):

<http://www.michiganadvantage.org/cm/files/Fact-Sheets/CAPAccess.pdf>

Small Business Investment Company (administered by SBA):

<http://www.sba.gov/about-offices-content/1/2890>

**Micro Loan Funds**

Ann Arbor LDFA Micro Loan Program [www.annarborusa.org/business-accelerator/funding-incentives/ann-arborypsilanti-ldfa-microloan-program](http://www.annarborusa.org/business-accelerator/funding-incentives/ann-arborypsilanti-ldfa-microloan-program)

Eastern Washtenaw County Micro Loan Program [www.annarborusa.org/business-accelerator/funding-incentives/eastern-washtenaw-county-microloan-program](http://www.annarborusa.org/business-accelerator/funding-incentives/eastern-washtenaw-county-microloan-program)

**Pre-Seed Funds**

Automation Alley Pre-Seed Fund [www.automationalley.com/page?pageid=a0E60000001I6Ef](http://www.automationalley.com/page?pageid=a0E60000001I6Ef)

First Step Fund [www.investdetroit.com/managed-funds/first-step-fund/](http://www.investdetroit.com/managed-funds/first-step-fund/)

Lakeshore Seed Capital Fund [www.lakeshoreadvantage.com/](http://www.lakeshoreadvantage.com/)

MI Pre-Seed Capital Fund [www.annarborusa.org/start-ups/pre-seed-fund/](http://www.annarborusa.org/start-ups/pre-seed-fund/)

Next Energy Pre-Seed Fund <http://www.nextenergy.org/>

## **Angel Investors**

Ann Arbor Angels	<a href="http://www.annarborangels.org">www.annarborangels.org</a>
Bluewater Angels	<a href="http://www.bluewaterangels.com">www.bluewaterangels.com</a>
Capital Community Angels	<a href="http://www.capitalcommunityangels.org">www.capitalcommunityangels.org</a>
Grand Angels	<a href="http://www.grandangels.org">www.grandangels.org</a>
Great Lakes Angels	<a href="http://glangels.angelgroups.net">http://glangels.angelgroups.net</a>
Northern Michigan Angels	<a href="http://www.northernmichiganangels.com">www.northernmichiganangels.com</a>
OU INCubator Angels	<a href="http://www.oakland.edu/ouinc">www.oakland.edu/ouinc</a>

## **Venture Capital**

Michigan Venture Capital Association – [www.michiganvca.org](http://www.michiganvca.org)

Apjohn Ventures	<a href="http://www.apjohnventures.com">www.apjohnventures.com</a>
Arboretum Ventures	<a href="http://www.arboretumvc.com">www.arboretumvc.com</a>
Arsenal Venture Partners	<a href="http://www.arsenalvp.com">www.arsenalvp.com</a>
Beringea, LLC	<a href="http://www.beringea.com">www.beringea.com</a>
Bio-Star Private Equity Fund, LLC	<a href="http://www.biostarventures.com">www.biostarventures.com</a>
Bridge Street Capital Partners	<a href="http://www.bridgestreetcapital.com">www.bridgestreetcapital.com</a>
Chrysalis Ventures	<a href="http://www.chrysalisventures.com">www.chrysalisventures.com</a>
Device and Diagnostics Accelerator LLC	<a href="http://www.lifelineventures.com">www.lifelineventures.com</a>
Dow Venture Capital	<a href="http://www.dow.com/venture/index.htm">www.dow.com/venture/index.htm</a>
DTE Energy Ventures	<a href="http://www.dteenergyventures.com">www.dteenergyventures.com</a>
Early Stage Partners	<a href="http://www.esplp.com">www.esplp.com</a>
EDF Ventures	<a href="http://www.edfvc.com">www.edfvc.com</a>
Endurance Ventures	<a href="http://www.enduranceventures.com">www.enduranceventures.com</a>
Flagship Ventures	<a href="http://www.flagshipventures.com">www.flagshipventures.com</a>
Fletcher Spaght Ventures	<a href="http://www.fletcherspaght.com">www.fletcherspaght.com</a>
Frankel Commercialization Fund	<a href="http://www.zli.bus.umich.edu/vc_pe/frankel_fund.asp">www.zli.bus.umich.edu/vc_pe/frankel_fund.asp</a>
Huron River Ventures	<a href="http://www.huronriverventures.com">www.huronriverventures.com</a>
LifeLine Ventures	<a href="http://lifeline-ventures.com/home.html">http://lifeline-ventures.com/home.html</a>
M Group	<a href="http://www.mgroupinc.com">www.mgroupinc.com</a>
MacBeedon Venture Group	<a href="http://www.macbeedon.com/index.html">www.macbeedon.com/index.html</a>
Michigan Accelerator Fund 1	<a href="http://www.charter-group.com">www.charter-group.com</a>
Michigan Medical Device Accelerator	<a href="http://www.linkedin.com/company/michigan-medical-device-accelerator?trk=null">www.linkedin.com/company/michigan-medical-device-accelerator?trk=null</a>
North Coast Tech Investors, LP	<a href="http://www.northcoastvc.com">www.northcoastvc.com</a>
Nth Power	<a href="http://www.nthpower.com">www.nthpower.com</a>
Oracle Capital Partners	<a href="http://www.oracle-capital.com">www.oracle-capital.com</a>
Peninsula Capital Partners LLC	<a href="http://www.peninsulafunds.com">www.peninsulafunds.com</a>
Plymouth Management Co.	<a href="http://www.plymouthvc.com">www.plymouthvc.com</a>
Rocket Ventures	<a href="http://rocketventures.org">http://rocketventures.org</a>

RPM Ventures	<a href="http://www.rpmvc.com">www.rpmvc.com</a>
Seneca Health Partners	<a href="http://www.senecapartners.com">www.senecapartners.com</a>
Sigvion Capital	<a href="http://www.sigvion.com">www.sigvion.com</a>
Stage 2 Innovations	<a href="http://www.stage2innovations.com">www.stage2innovations.com</a>
StarVest Partners, LP	<a href="http://www.starvestpartners.com">www.starvestpartners.com</a>
T-Gap Ventures, LLC	<a href="http://www.tgapventures.com">www.tgapventures.com</a>
Triathlon Medical Ventures	<a href="http://www.tmvp.com">www.tmvp.com</a>
Tullis-Dickerson & Co, Inc.	<a href="http://www.thi-funds.com">www.thi-funds.com</a>
Venture Investors	<a href="http://www.ventureinvestors.com">www.ventureinvestors.com</a>
Venture Michigan Fund	<a href="http://www.venturemichigan.com/index2.htm">www.venturemichigan.com/index2.htm</a>
Wolverine Venture Fund	<a href="http://www.zli.bus.umich.edu/wvf">www.zli.bus.umich.edu/wvf</a>

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